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In re the application of: Sugio MIYAZAWA

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For: CERAMIC ENVELOPE FOR HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Title:

Please change title from "CEARMIC ENVELOPE FOR HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMP" to --CERAMIC ENVELOPE FOR INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMP--.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A ceramic envelope for high intensity discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface roughness Ra of the interior surface of the barrel section is from 0.01 μm to 0.4 μm , and the additive concentration of the surface of said barrel section is 1/2 or less of that in the vicinity of the center of the thickness.
6. (Amended) A ceramic envelope for high intensity discharge lamp as claimed in claim 3, wherein an additive consists of at least one or more kinds of Sc_2O_3 , MgO , ZrO_2 , Y_2O_3 and lanthanoid based rare earth oxide.

REMARKS

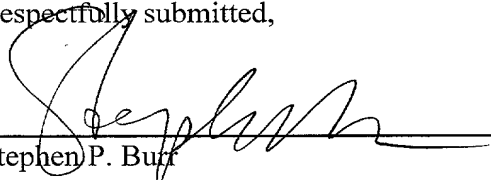
Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities.

Claims 1-6 are pending herein. Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6 to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination. Attached hereto as page 3, pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(ii), is a marked-up copy of the amended claims.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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5. (Amended) A ceramic envelope for high intensity discharge lamp as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2, and 4~~claim 1, wherein the surface roughness Ra of the interior surface of the barrel section is from 0.01 μm to 0.4 μm , and the additive concentration of the surface of said barrel section is 1/2 or less of that in the vicinity of the center of the thickness.

6. (Amended) A ceramic envelope for high intensity discharge lamp as claimed in ~~claim 3-5~~, wherein an additive consists of at least one or more kinds of Sc_2O_3 , MgO , ZrO_2 , Y_2O_3 and lanthanoid based rare earth oxide.